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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Magda Cruz

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed on 10/14/2005, with respect to claims 1-16 and 21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-16 and 21 has been withdrawn and prosecution is reopened.
2. Applicant's arguments, filed on 10/14/2005, with respect to the rejection of claims 17-20 under §102(e) as being anticipated by Johanson (US 2004/0032739 A1) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn and prosecution is reopened. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection regarding claims 17-18 is made in view of Collins.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collins.

Collins (US Patent Number 4,755,916) discloses:

- Regarding claim 17, a lighting system (Figure 8) comprising: a lamp light source (Figure 8, element 108) radiating light, a reflector (Figure 8,

element 100) reflecting the light emitted from the lamp light source (Figure 8, element 108) to emit the light in one direction; and an intercepting unit (Figure 8, element 110) reflecting a portion of the light emitted from the lamp light source (Figure 8, element 108) toward the reflector (Figure 8, element 100) so that the light emitted from the reflector (Figure 8, element 100) has an annular light distribution (i.e. see light distribution shown in Figure 8; column 5, lines 44-46).

- Regarding claim 18, the reflector (Figure 8, element 100) is an elliptic mirror or a parabolic mirror (i.e. parabolic surface; Figure 8, element 104; column 5, lines 43-45).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-16 and 21 are allowed.
6. Claims 19-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Aynié et al. (US Patent Number 6,953,271 B2) discloses an optical device for recovering and distributing the light flux towards an annular reflector.

Enders et al. (US Patent Number 5,128,848) teaches a light source comprising a counter reflector in the direction of the radiation.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magda Cruz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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